

walking down an Atlanta street with some of her friends. Violence cuts through the heart of too many communities across America, but when a gifted young woman—simply an innocent bystander—is the victim of a senseless murder, the toll hostility and aggression take on our society becomes painfully clear.

Today, I would like to offer my deepest condolences to the Lynn family for their heart-breaking loss. The thoughts and prayers of the people of the Fifth Congressional District of Georgia are with them during this difficult and trying time. My heart goes out to Jasmine Lynn's parents, brother, family, friends, and the Spelman and Clark/Atlanta University community who also mourn her passing.

THOMAS SLEMMER

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding leader in the field of affordable housing and long-term services and supports for people as they age. Thomas Slemmer is the outgoing chair of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA), and I congratulate him on what he has accomplished for his field during his two-year term.

AAHSA members (www.aahsa.org) help millions of individuals and their families every day through mission-driven, not-for-profit organizations dedicated to providing the services people need, when they need them, in the place they call home. The 5,700 member organizations, many of which have served their communities for generations, offer the continuum of aging services: adult day services, home health, community services, senior housing, assisted living residences, continuing care retirement communities, and nursing homes.

With Tom Stemmer at its head, AAHSA championed the combination of supportive services with affordable housing to enable seniors to remain in their communities and has taken a leadership role in developing realistic, workable solutions for Congress and states facing the impending long-term service and support needs of the aging baby boom generation.

Mr. Slemmer co-chaired AAHSA's Affordable Housing Finance Cabinet, which is developing recommendations for building and preserving housing to meet the physical and financial needs of a growing elder population. He also saw the introduction of the landmark Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Act, which would promote the construction of new senior housing facilities, streamline the preservation of existing housing, and support the conversion of existing housing into assisted-living facilities with supportive health and social services.

Prior to becoming AAHSA's chair, Mr. Slemmer participated in the organization's Long-Term Services and Supports Financing Cabinet to find a more rational, sustainable and responsible system for funding aging services where he helped shape recommendations for a national insurance plan founded on three core principles: consumer choice, fiscal responsibility, and good stewardship of provider and public resources, and equity of benefits.

These recommendations closely aligned with the Community Living Assistance Services and Supports (CLASS) Act introduced and championed by the late Senator Edward Kennedy. AAHSA has united a wide range of stakeholders to work for the inclusion of CLASS provisions in health care reform, and these provisions are reflected in two of the health care reform measures drafted by congressional committees. AAHSA members from all over the country have advocated tirelessly for a mechanism to enable Americans to plan responsibly for their own long-term services and supports needs while also addressing the issues of access and cost.

To address other issues facing the nation's aging population, families, service providers and policymakers, Slemmer has overseen AAHSA member task forces on workforce, nursing home quality, home- and community-based services, and issues specific to rural and inner-city areas. Under his leadership, AAHSA has undertaken pilot technology projects, "living laboratories" linking member operations with research to demonstrate the effectiveness of applied technology to improve quality, make operations more efficient, and enable people to live independently wherever they call home.

In addition to his service as AAHSA's chair, Tom Slemmer is the president and chief executive officer of Columbus, Ohio's National Church Residences, where he has had a thirty year career. From a single affordable housing facility established in 1961, National Church Residences has grown to provide affordable housing, supportive services, assisted living, and skilled nursing care to low and moderate-income elders, families, persons with disabilities, and homeless families and individuals in facilities throughout the United States. In Central and Southern Ohio, NCR provides home and community based supportive services to allow elders to age in place in dignity in the comfort of their own homes. Its ministry serves over 22,000 individuals in 300 properties nationwide.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, National Church Residences and AAHSA launched a hotline to help displaced seniors find affordable housing. Low-income seniors and family members were able to call around the clock to be connected to housing resource professionals trained to evaluate and locate available affordable senior housing communities nationwide. Hundreds of evacuated elders were able to find temporary or permanent housing through National Church Residences and other AAHSA members. Based on this experience, AAHSA and National Church Residences submitted recommendations to Congress on improving coordination among aging services providers and federal, state, and local agencies in the event of natural disasters.

Because of the importance of supportive services to seniors' ability to remain longer in their communities, Mr. Stemmer was instrumental in establishing the American Association of Service Coordinators (AASC). AASC's over 2,000 members serve seniors, people with disabilities, and low income families living in affordable rental housing and the surrounding community. Service coordinators assist senior and disabled residents in identifying, locating, and acquiring the services necessary for them to remain independent and help families achieve self sufficiency and economic independence.

Mr. Slemmer also has served on the boards of the Association of Ohio Philanthropic Homes, Housing and Services for the Aging; the National Affordable Housing Trust, the Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future, and the Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing.

I hope my colleagues will join me in commending Tom Stemmer for his longstanding service to our nation's elders and his work to develop realistic solutions to the challenges a growing elder population will pose in the years to come.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R. 3183—Energy and Water Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Description of Request: The May Branch flood control project will reduce the occurrence of flood damage for hundreds of property owners in the vicinity of the May Branch drainage way in portions of Fort Smith. During the periods of heavier rainfall, stormwater flows exceed the capacity of the May Branch channel, causing surface and structure flooding. The project meets the Corps of Engineers' cost/benefit ratio requirements. The Federal funds of \$179,000 will be used for design engineering, right-of way acquisition, and construction. The City of Fort Smith will be matching the \$15 million federal share with \$16 million in local funds from a 1-cent sales tax dedicated to street and drainage repairs.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN BOOZMAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Department of Energy—EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Arkansas—Division of Agriculture

Address of Requesting Entity: 2404 N. University Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas 72207

Description of Request: The national goal of the US is to replace more than 75% of our oil imports from the Middle East by 2025. With America on the verge of breakthroughs in advanced energy technologies, the best way to break the addiction to foreign oil is through new technology. Of course, new conversion technology requires the availability of adequate amounts of quality feedstocks. To help meet this critical national goal, the Mid South/Southeast BioEnergy Consortium \$1,000,000 project is focused: to (1) position the MidSouth and Southeast bioenergy industry to expand from biodiesel and grain to ethanol to commercial production of cellulosic ethanol; (2) develop economic and environmental viable systems to produce, harvest and process relevant feedstocks for biodiesel and ethanol operations, matching feedstock availability to specific conversion technologies; (3) conduct educational programs to deliver information on

feedstock production, harvesting and processing with farm and industry audiences; (4) develop alternative uses for by-products and create new lines of co-products that generate revenue streams to complement biofuel production; and (5) develop and evaluate conversion technologies necessary for commercial cellulosic ethanol production.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BOB INGLIS

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Mr. INGLIS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman BOB INGLIS

Bill Number: Conference Report to accompany H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Corps of Engineers—Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Greenville

Address of Requesting Entity: 206 South Main Street Greenville, South Carolina 29602

Description of Request: The purpose of the request is to conduct a feasibility study examining potential environmental restoration and flood control projects for the Reedy River in the vicinity of Greenville, SC. This study will be conducted by the Army Corps of Engineers, as the next phase in the Corps' ongoing work to restore and stabilize the Reedy. The amount is \$90,000 and it would go to the City of Greenville.

RECOGNIZING SUDHAKAR V. SHENOY AND SURESH V. SHENOY FOR RECEIVING THE 2009 COMMUNITY LEADER AWARD FROM THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sudhakar V. Shenoy and Suresh V. Shenoy and their company, IMC, Inc. as the recipients of the Northern Virginia Community Foundation 2009 Community Leader Award.

The Northern Virginia Community Foundation (NVCF) was established in 1978 as a public charity to meet a wide variety of social, educational, cultural and other charitable needs throughout Northern Virginia. The mission of NVCF is to grow philanthropy and strengthen the community. This past year, more than \$3,000,000.00 in grants and scholarships supporting child and youth development, education, health, arts, homelessness, community improvement, and other causes were made from NVCF funds. Hundreds of nonprofit organizations benefited from these grants and put those resources to work to strengthen the community.

Each year, NVCF recognizes individuals or organizations for their extraordinary philanthropic efforts and successes. This year, the NVCF has chosen to honor Mr. Sudhakar V. Shenoy and Mr. Suresh V. Shenoy by presenting them with the 2009 Community Leader Award.

The accomplishments of these two individuals are truly impressive. They are successful businessmen, under their leadership, their company, IMC, Inc. has become a highly respected and award winning technology solutions innovator that provides expert government, commercial and scientific solutions.

The business successes of Sudhakar and Suresh Shenoy are matched by their philanthropic endeavors and commitment to the improvement of our community.

Sudhakar Shenoy has a long history of civic and community involvement. In 1999, he was named Citizen of the Year and in 2003, he was named Lord Fairfax in recognition of his contributions to the community and his volunteerism. He has been a strong leader and supporter in many organizations including the American Heart Association, YouthAids, the American Cancer Society, Leukemia Society, Youth Life, INOVA, the United Way, the American-India Foundation and many others. Sudhakar was also named the Greater Washington High Technology Entrepreneur of the Year for 1998. In 1996, Sudhakar was honored by the University of Connecticut when he was inducted into the University of Connecticut School of Business Alumni Hall of Fame.

Suresh Shenoy currently serves as the Chairman of the National Capital Region American Red Cross. In addition, he serves on the boards of The Kevric Company, The Fairfax County Information Technology Advisory Committee, IIT Heritage Foundation, the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce and was a founding member of the Thomas Jefferson Partnership Fund. Suresh was an adjunct professor of Entrepreneurship, International Marketing and Business Administration at the Graduate School of Management, Clark University and currently serves on the adjunct faculty of the School of Information and Technology & Engineering at George Mason University. Suresh has spoken at numerous industry events in Europe, the United States and Brazil; his articles have also been widely published in various industry publications. In 2000, Suresh was recognized for his many contributions in his field when in 2000, he was inducted as a Fellow of the Information Management Congress (Europe) and AIIM International (USA).

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Sudhakar Shenoy and Suresh Shenoy for being named the recipients of the Northern Virginia Community Foundation 2009 Community Leader Award and to thank them for their years of philanthropic, educational and civic service.